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REMARKS

Amendments to the Claims

In the claims, claims 1-23 remain with this application. Claims 1-2, and 5-7 have been amended as presented above.

Summary

If the Examiner determines the prompt allowance of these claims could be facilitated by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact Kelly J. McCrystle at (650)-474-3326.

Deposit Account Authorization

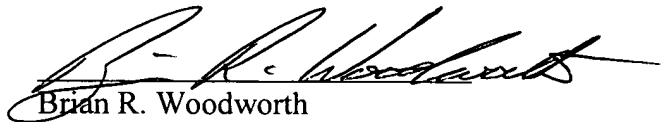
Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 01-0025 for any charges that may be due or credit our account for any overpayment. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then Applicants hereby request such extension.

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